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Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Office of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re:

15,900' Zone, Reservoir E

Lac Blanc Field

Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 15,900' Zone, Reservoir E, in the Lac Blanc Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the 15,900' Zone, Reservoir E, in the Lac Blanc Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, such unit to be designated 15900 RE SUA.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To provide that any wells drilled to the 15,900' Zone, Reservoir E, should be located in accordance with the provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).
- 4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the zone and reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of such reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The 15,900' Zone, Reservoir E, in the Lac Blanc Field, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 14,705 feet and 16,150 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Apache Corporation – Exxon Fee No. 27 Well, located in Section 25, Township 15 South, Range 1 West, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216, Telephone No. 504/834-8112.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on January 13, 2005, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant. Questions were asked and answered. No opposition to the applicant's proposal was expressed. The conference was then adjourned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the applicant's unit proposal, along with the conference attendance list and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such plat (being the same plat attached to the pre-application notice dated December 21, 2004) and list of parties are being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the plat and/or list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant, in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

RWRjr/dbf Attachments Richard W. Revels, Jr.

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservationcc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

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